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Mr. Ken Kluksdahl Mine Manager Tenneco Minerals Company P. O. Box 2650 St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Mr. Kluksdahl:

Re: Emergency Discharge Effects and Mitigation, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

An emergency discharge of process solution from the Goldstrike site occurred between February 28 and March 1, 1991. We spoke earlier about the generation of a follow-up report, which would address the cyanide levels found downstream, and any environmental impacts which may have occurred as a result of the discharge. As I indicated, the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining has asked for a follow-up report addressing this incident and the impacts from the fly rock incident which occurred on March 6, 1991.

Please forward a copy of any follow-up information which may now be available concerning these incidents. If these are unavailable, would it be possible to forward a brief summary of the present site status and any information that may be available concerning known impacts to the site and mitigation procedures implemented by Tenneco. The most recent report we have is entitled, <u>Detailed Summary of Two Emergency Discharge Events - Goldstrike Mine</u>, and dated March 19, 1990.

We will also need an update on the status of the Goldstrike sedimentation pond. As of May 15, 1991, the pond was impounding water but leaking and unrepaired. Does Tenneco have plans to repair the pond? If so, what will these repairs involve? Also, If Tenneco could supply the Division with current design details of the pond it would be appreciated.

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Please call me or Wayne Hedberg if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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